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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas within the island of Guam as a National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1     **SECTION 1. THE GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.**

2         (a) STUDY.—

3             (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
4             tion with appropriate regional and local organiza-  
5             tions or agencies, shall conduct a study to assess the  
6             suitability and feasibility of designating the study  
7             areas as National Heritage Areas.

8             (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include  
9             analysis, documentation, and determinations on  
10            whether the study areas—

11                 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,  
12                 and cultural resources that—

13                     (i) represent distinctive aspects of the  
14                     heritage of the United States;

15                     (ii) are worthy of recognition, con-  
16                     servation, interpretation, and continuing  
17                     use by residents and visitors; and

18                     (iii) would be best managed—

19                             (I) through partnerships among  
20                     public and private entities; and

21                             (II) by linking diverse and some-  
22                     times noncontiguous resources and ac-  
23                     tive communities that share a com-  
24                     mon heritage;

(B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;

(C) provides—

- (i) outstanding opportunities to conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features; and

(ii) outstanding recreational and educational and cultural tourism opportunities;

(D) contains resources that—

(i) are important to any identified themes of the study area; and

(ii) retain a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;

(E) includes residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, including museums and heritage organizations, and State and local governments that—

- (i) are involved in the planning of the National Heritage Area;

(ii) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants in the Area, including the Federal Government; and

(iii) have demonstrated support for  
the designation of the Area;

(F) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with the individuals and entities described in subparagraph (E) to develop the Area while encouraging State and local economic activity; and

(G) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

10       (b) PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS.—In con-  
11 ducting the study, the Secretary shall consider the poten-  
12 tial impact that designation of the study area as a national  
13 heritage area would have on private property on Guam.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the third fis-  
15 cal year after the date on which funds are first made avail-  
16 able for this section, the Secretary shall submit to the  
17 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
19 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

20 (1) the findings of the study; and

21                   (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the  
22                   Secretary.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(3) STUDY AREA.—The term "study area" means the island of Guam.

Passed the House of Representatives March 15,  
2022.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**

*Clerk.*